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Work started on new homes at town centre site

Vets win Royal College accreditation

Brenda receives her certificate from Lions Keith Rudd and Steve Jones, watched by some of her young charges at Parbold Douglas CE Academy.

Long-serving lollipop lady honoured

A LOLLIPOP lady has been honoured for 46 years of service to the local community.

Brenda Adair, Lancashire's second longest serving school crossing attendant, has been helping children from Parbold Douglas CE Academy to cross the nearby Lancaster Lane in safety since 1972.

She was given a certificate in recognition of her service by Douglas Valley Lions Club (DVLC) and was honoured in an assembly at the school on Friday (March 16).

Brenda, 79, who also lives in Parbold, took on the job when she moved to the area from Yorkshire.

She said it was the only job she could get at the time and still be at home for her children,

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JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

New medical school at Edge Hill is 'great news for Ormskirk' says health chief

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NEW medical school to train doctors is set to be opened at Edge Hill University.

From 2019 the Ormskirk campus will offer an Access to Medicine course and from 2020 will provide 30 undergraduate places for trainee doctors at a state-of-the art teaching facility within the established Faculty of Health and Social Care.

Health Education England worked with The Higher Education Funding Council for England on the bidding process to allocate 1,500 training places and select sites for new medical schools across the country that will deliver the training.

Edge Hill is one of only three sites in the country to receive a new free standing medical school. Two other schools will be created as joint initiatives between more than one institution and the rest of the places will be taken up by the expansion of existing schools.

Ian Cumming, chief executive of Health Education England and chair of the assessment panel said: "This is great news for patients in Ormskirk, studies show that doctors tend to stay in the areas where they train so it means more doctors for the region to deliver high-quality care."

The university first trained nurses more than 50 years ago, and was one of the first to offer large-scale nursing at undergraduate degree level leading to professional registration.

Recognised

The faculty's suite of professional programmes includes all disciplines of nursing, midwifery, paramedic practice, operating department practice and social work at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The new medical course will add to the university's well-established educational programmes and research opportunities at its Postgraduate Medical Institute.

Seth Crofts, pro vice-chancellor and dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Care, said: "We are developing a state-of-the-art teaching facility on the Ormskirk campus to house the new medical school, which will provide leading clinical simulation and laboratory facilities making use of the latest interactive technology."

The Faculty of Health and Social Care at Edge Hill University

And Dr John Cater, vice-chancellor at Edge Hill, added: "For the past decade Edge Hill University has been providing postgraduate medical education and training for qualified doctors working in the NHS.

"I am absolutely delighted that this work has been recognised by the Department of Health, who have now decided to allocate undergraduate medical numbers to the university for the first time.

"The Edge Hill University Medical

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A CARE home maintenance worker has won £250 for naming the new nursing home to be built on the site of the former Red Lion pub in Burscough.

Athena Healthcare Group was granted planning permission for a two-storey, 80-bed care home for the elderly at the site on Liverpool Road South.

The home, which will also provide nursing care for dementia sufferers, is expected to be finished by the end of 2019.

A staff competition to name the new home was won by maintenance man Brian Dobson with Windmill Lodge which he chose because of fond memories of family trips to Windmill Animal Farm in Burscough.

Council plan aims to improve residents' quality of life

WEST Lancs Council has launched a plan aimed at ensuring a range of measures are in place for borough residents to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out a framework to improve the quality of life of residents by integrating health into wider services relating to housing, the environment, leisure, economic regeneration, planning and community safety.

It has been launched by the authority in the face of what council chiefs describe as 'a number of key issues' facing the borough.

These include one in five residents in West Lancashire living below the poverty line; 27% of the borough's adult population and reception age children categorised as either overweight or obese along with 33% of those aged 10 and11; people living in the most deprived communities are twice as likely to die under the age of 75; and high levels of youth unemployment and lower education attainment in certain parts of the borough.

Over the next three years the aim of the new strategy is to start to address these issues and the root causes of poor health through better use of resources and by ensuring council policies promote health improvement.

To achieve this, the council has pinpointed four priority areas as follows:

- To ensure 'across-the-board' action to improve health and wellbeing throughout the borough.
- To take every opportunity to improve health and wellbeing through contacts with residents and in key settings such as schools and workplaces.
- To create and sustain an environment that helps people to make healthy choices.
- To support residents and communities to manage their health and build resilience.

Councillors and council officials at the launch event.

It is hoped this will help to ensure that the council is equipped to deliver the best conditions possible for local people to live fulfilling lives.

Some of the key areas will include working with partners to ensure the availability of apprenticeships, training and skills development opportunities; planning to meet the changing needs of residents who live with limiting long-term illness or disability; working with partners to tackle the upward trend in adult and childhood obesity; and promoting healthy environments to support people to live more physically active lives and encourage families to spend quality time together.

The strategy also acknowledges the council's desire to maximise the impact of investment by developing innovative and cohesive partnerships with key public sector organisations.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and wellbeing, said: "This exciting strategy can make a real difference to people's lives. The council will work with partners to implement its recommendations to help improve local people's health."

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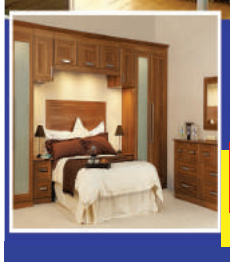

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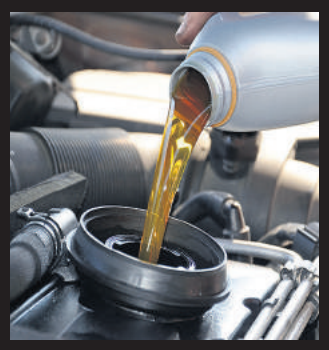

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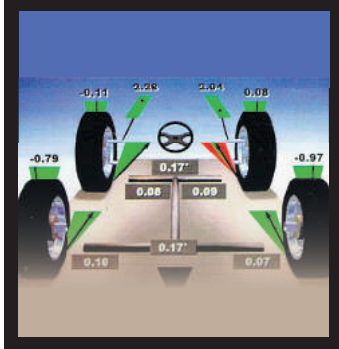

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Man jailed for stealing £845k from employer

Court told money was used to buy and improve properties

A BURSCOUGH man has been jailed for stealing £845,000 from a Tarleton-based company he worked for.

David Scott, 53, of Moss Lane, had denied theft and conspiring to steal and remove criminal property from horticultural firm LS Systems, but was convicted after a trial at Preston Crown Court where he has been jailed for seven years and three months.

Fellow workers Colin Balshaw, 45, of Heathfield Road, Southport, and Richard Adderley, 32, of Station Road, New Longton were given suspended sentences after pleading guilty to conspiring to steal and removing criminal property.

The trio were arrested in 2014 after accountants discovered a number of suspicious transactions had been made in previous years, with large sums of money withdrawn.

These included close to £18,000 being transferred to a bank account controlled by David Scott between November 2007 and May 2008; close to £128,000 being transferred to the same account between September 2008 and November 2013; and a further £600,000 withdrawn to another account under Scott's control between September 2008 and September 2013.

This money was used by the 53-year-old to buy three properties in Bolton, Rossendale and Eccleston.

In addition, between April 2013 and April 2014,more than £99,000 of the company's money was spent on third-party supplies, goods and services for the improvement and development of Scott's address in Eccleston.

Adderley and Balshaw were implicated in the investigation through the sale of Wellington boots. Between November 2012 and December 2012, officers discovered Adderley had close to £27,000 of Hunter Wellington boots delivered to an address in New Longton.

The pair, alongside Scott, had bought the footwear using LS Systems accounts then sold the items using the company's eBay profile.

Complex

The profits, valued at around £100,000, were then removed from the LS Systems PayPal account and transferred to the accounts of Adderley and Balshaw. It is later believed this cash was handed on to Scott.

Balshaw and Adderley were sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment suspended for two years and given 200 hours unpaid work.

Detective Constable Michael Mason, of Lancashire Police, said: "This was a lengthy and complex investigation into the criminal activities of three men working in positions of trust at LS Systems.

"Scott, who was clearly a controlling and intimidating figure, manipulated the internal systems and stole vast sums of money.

"Along with Adderley and Balshaw, he purchased Hunter Wellington boots through the company, selling these on eBay accounts.

"It is clear to me these men had little interest in the company they worked for and instead sought to maximise the money they could extort.

"I must thank our colleagues at the National Crime Agency who assisted at the start of the enquiry and to various colleagues within Lancashire Constabulary who assisted with this complex and resource-intensive investigation."

Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings have now begun to help recover some of the money which was stolen.

Community tribute to long-serving lollipop lady Brenda

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Gordon and Jeannette, who went to another school in the village.

During her four decades-plus in the role, Brenda reckons she has got through several uniforms and "three or four" lollipops, and has hardly missed a day - except for when she broke her foot and needed an operation.

She said: "It's just a pleasure doing the job. I've enjoyed every single minute of it. I love the children I love the parents, and I enjoy the cars that go past and the lorry drivers because they all wave and pip at me. It's very sociable."

And Brenda, who says she was "absolutely thrilled to bits" to receive the certificate from the Lions, has no plans to hang up her lollipop just yet.

"I don't intend leaving - unless I have to," she said, laughing.

Keith Rudd from Douglas Valley Lions, said: "As Lions serving the people of our community when we see someone like Brenda who has served parents and children for such a long time we are happy to recognise her devotion and draw attention to it with our certificate of appreciation."

Natalie Watts, headteacher of Parbold Douglas CE Academy Trust, added: "Brenda is a loved and valued member of our school community. She brings warmth, a smile and genuine care every day to every person - we are so proud of her!"

A spokesperson for Lancashire County Council commented: "We are delighted that Brenda has been recognised in this way. Whatever the weather she has ensured that generations of children in Parbold have been able to cross the road safely."

The confirmation service at Christ Church, Parbold

Bishop leads confirmation service

THIRTEEN young people from West Lancs were confirmed into the Church of England by the Bishop of Burnley, the Right Reverend Philip North at a special service. The candidates came from All Saints Church, Appley Bridge, and Christ Church, Parbold, where the service was held. The bishop was assisted by Reverend Sue Timmins, parish priest of Christ Church and All Saints, and Diane Green, reader at All Saints.

New Edge Hill medical school to train doctors of the future

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Cleaning company 'named and shamed' over workers' pay

...but boss says listing was 'down to a technicality'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE managing director of a West Lancs-based cleaning company 'named and shamed' by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) for paying its workers less than the national minimum wage says it was down to a "technicality."

Poppies WL&S, of Burscough Street, Ormskirk, which provides domestic and light commercial cleaning and ironing services, was one of 180 companies included on the 14th list to be released by the Government since 2013.

The DBEIS said that Poppies had failed to pay a total of £1,061.70 to 69 workers.

However, Chris Wootton, managing director of Poppies WL&S, said that the company had fallen foul of a technicality and actually paid its workers more than the national minimum wage.

He said: "Despite our wage offering always being above the NMW/Living Wage we were devastated to learn in April of last year that our payroll process failed the NMW test on a technicality.

Poppies on Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

"We used to take a small deposit from our employees' first wage, which was later returned to them if and when they left our employment and returned the uniform that we provide. It is as a result of this deduction from the first month's wage that has caused some of our staff to earn less than the National Minimum Wage in their first month, even though in every subsequent month they would earn more.

"We were given 28 days to repay these deposits (with interest) to both our current and any ex staff who had been affected by this error – an exercise which was completed by August of last year, well ahead of the deadline.

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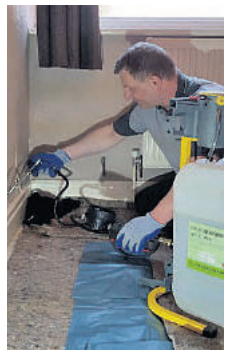

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£36,000 grant will help to fund studies into how to make the most of town's under-used buildings

WEST Lancashire Council has been awarded a grant of £36,000 from the national One Public Estate (OPE) fund for its work to help make Ormskirk an even better place to live, work and visit.

The OPE programme is an established national scheme delivered in partnership between local and central government. It provides practical and technical support and funding to councils to deliver ambitious, property-focused programmes in collaboration with central government and other public sector partners.

The successful bid by West Lancs Council will see the funding allocated to undertaking feasibility studies and options appraisals for various under-used buildings in the town, including the redundant Magistrates' Court on Derby Street and the bus station site on Moor Street.

The grant will assist in evaluating a range of opportunities for these sites, and examine how more use could be made of these buildings to benefit local people and opportunities to bring about efficiency savings by reducing running costs.

The council will work with both public sector partners, and the private sector.

Councillor Ian Moran, council lelader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "I am delighted the council has been given this funding to press ahead with its work to see how under-used buildings in Ormskirk can be best be utilised to bring maximum benefit to the people of West Lancashire."

The OPE programme began in 2013 and is currently working on projects with more than 250 councils across the country.

The One Public Estate grant will help West Lancs Council to fund feasibility studies to look into possible uses for the town's redundant and under-used buildings, including the former Ormskirk Magistrates Court on Derby Street (left) which closed in 2016.

Pictured at the site are surveyor, James Donafee; site manager, Colin McGee; managing partner, Clive Sellers of Arcus Consulting; contracts manager, Peter Blake; Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion services; and Councillor Jenny Forshaw.

Work starts on new homes at former Westec House site

Project sees local authority building houses specifically for sale for first time

WORK has begun on a West Lancs Council project which will see the authority build houses specifically to be sold for the first time.

Under the scheme a total of 27 new homes are being built in the heart of Ormskirk, close to the council's Derby Street offices, on the site formerly occupied by Westec House, a council office base which was demolished in 2014.

Of these, 18 houses will be sold on the open market. These will comprise three two-bedroom terraced houses; eight two-bedroom semi-detached houses; six three-bedroom semi-detached houses and one three-bedroom detached house.

Another two-bedroom terraced house will be available for shared ownership.

Potential

The remaining eight homes will be one-bedroom apartments to be retained by the council and rented on an affordable rent basis.

These eight council properties will be 30% funded from money held by the council under Government rules to replace council housing lost through right to buy sales.

Construction firm Cruden are building the homes on behalf of the council, and the builders are currently laying the foundations on the site. Arcus Consulting are the architects for the project.

Councillor Jenny Forshaw, the council's portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "I am delighted work has started on site as this is a really exciting project for the council that will realise the potential for this site with the building of new homes.

"As well as providing 27 new homes, the scheme will have an extra benefit of bringing in much-needed funds for the council. Like many other authorities across the country, we are facing difficult financial challenges, and also have to become self-financing by 2020. The funds raised from the sale of homes will go towards supporting the council's capital programme and helping to meet our priorities."

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Giant crane will lift new A&E extension into place

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A 60-foot crane will dominate the skyline at Southport Hospital this weekend when a new extension to the A&E department is lifted into place.

The crane will be lifting four ready-built modules into place to create an eight-bay extension on Saturday (March 24).

The modules will be lowered and assembled in an internal courtyard and then connected to the main hospital.

After fitting out, the extended A&E should start accepting its first patients by the end of April.

Steve Treadgold, head of estates and capital for the Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust, said: "The crane weighs 96 tonnes and should be quite a sight.

"We are carrying this work out at a weekend to keep disruption to a minimum.

Upgrades

"Contractors will be setting up from 6am with the work expected to be complete by early afternoon. Traffic marshals will be on hand to direct motorists and visitors as necessary."

The extension is part of a £1.25m improvement project to create a better caring and working environment for patients and staff. Further A&E bays will be created in the main hospital building.

There will also be upgrades to the main waiting area, toilets for the disabled, the X-ray waiting room and the area for ambulance arrivals.

Therese Patten, the trust's chief operating officer, added: "This building work and investment programme forms part of our commitment to further improve the A&E department for our patients.

"The work will reduce overcrowding at the busiest times, improve the experience of care for patients, particularly their privacy, and provide a better environment for our staff."

An artist's impression shows a cut-away of the extension set in the courtyard next to A&E

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Vets win 'Royal' accreditation

LOCAL veterinary practice, Vets4Pets Burscough, based inside Pets At Home on the Ringtail Retail Park, has become a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) accredited practice.

The Practice Standards Scheme is a voluntary initiative run by the RCVS to accredit veterinary practices in the UK.

Through setting standards and carrying out regular assessments, the RCVS says the scheme aims to promote and maintain the highest standards of veterinary care, offering peace of mind to clients of accredited practices and a more informed choice to the animal-owning public.

To become accredited practices volunteer for rigorous assessment every four years and have to meet a range of minimum standards including hygiene, 24-hour emergency cover, staff training, certain types of equipment and cost estimation procedures.

Practices are also subject to spot-checks between assessments.

Owner of Vets4Pets Burscough and Registered Veterinary Nurse, Amy Ferguson, said: "We are delighted to receive the RCVS accreditation which shows the high standard of veterinary care we provide for the local community. This is a fantastic achievement and I couldn't be prouder of the team at Vets4Pets Burscough"

The team at Vets4Pets, Burscough

Anonymous benefactor helps community buy defibrillator and donate £500 to hospice!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WHEN Andy Tomlinson launched a community initiative to buy a defibrillator he was hoping to kick-start the fundraising with a jumble sale and donations from neighbours and friends.

But the 55-year-old from Scarisbrick was staggered when an anonymous donation of £1,900 enabled him to buy the life-saving equipment outright - before even holding the sale!

And thanks to the generous benefactor - a lady who was happy to pay for the defibrillator in memory of her recently deceased husband - Andy was able to pass on the £500-plus proceeds of the sale to another worthy cause, Queenscourt Hospice.

The defbrillator now has pride of place outside the entrance to Bescar Methodist Church in Bescar Lane.

Alan said: "We are a small community and I felt it would be a great idea to invest in a defibrillator.

"We are quite isolated here, being a bit off the beaten track, so I thought the occasion might well arise when it would be of use.

Grateful

"After posting flyers to the whole community in an attempt to raise funds, a resident of our village contacted me to say that she was happy to pay the full amount, approximately £1,900, in memory of her husband who had passed away quite recently.

"But as we were already well into organising the jumble sale anyway this went ahead anyway resulting in a donation of more than £500 to Queenscourt Hospice, a cause chosen by our generous benefactor.

"Obviously we are very grateful to the lady, who wished to remain anonymous, but thanks also go to the local people who donated items and to the gang of cheery volunteers who all worked so hard in the cold weather in raising such a sum."

The defibrillator was installed in collaboration with the North West Ambulance Service and is now in operation.

A demonstration evening will be arranged in the near future at Bescar Methodist Hall in order to familiarise residents with its use.

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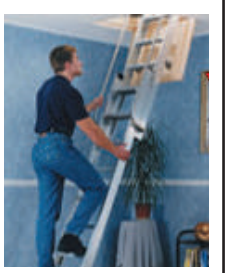
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Library opening times to change following public consultation

Report by **Henry James**

Ormskirk library

LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet has agreed to recommendations on how libraries opening hours could be allocated across the week in future.

The proposals have been changed in response to the feedback received from library users and partner organisations during an eight-week consultation last year.

For Ormskirk library's opening hours, 22% of respondents said they would be able to use the library but it would be a lot more difficult, while 14% said they wouldn't be able to use the library. Key issues related to the opening hours on a Saturday and the opening hours not being suitable for full-time workers and pupils. The county council are therefore planning to change Thursday from a full day with late night opening to 1 to 7pm and reallocate these hours to provide a full day 9am to 5pm opening on Saturday.

One of the most commonly raised issues about Tarleton library's proposed opening times is that they would put an end to the craft and reading groups held on Thursday afternoons. As a result the council is planning that the weekday early closing is changed from Thursday to Friday.

Each library has been allocated to one of four different bands depending upon local need. These are: **Band One:** (including Skelmersdale Library) open for 50 hours over six days every week. **Band Two:** (including Ormskirk Library) open for 42 hours over six days every week. **Band Three:** (including Parbold, Tarleton & Burscough libraries) open for 34 hours over five days every week. **Band Four:** Open for 18 hours over four days every week.

The recommendations apply to the 47 libraries open at the start of the consultation period and not to the 11 that have reopened since. The recommendations should be implemented from July 1, following a period of staff consultation.

Pupils and staff from Burscough Village Primary School taking part in theuir Oriental-themed lesson event as part of their Chinese New Year celebration.

Youngsters enjoy a taste of Oriental culture and cuisine to celebrate Chinese New Year

PUPILS at a local primary school enjoyed a taste of the Orient when they celebrated Chinese New Year with a variety of cultural activities.

Children in the nursery and reception classes at Burscough Village Primary School took part in Chinese cooking, food tasting, calligraphy, and making Chinese lanterns; while pupils in Years One to Six experienced a range of activities such as story-telling, making Chinese dragons, solving Chinese maths problems and creating colourful tangrams.

Deputy headteacher, Helen Crowder, said: "The pupils always really enjoy our special celebration events and this week allowed all the pupils to experience Chinese culture and learn new skills."

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Lawrence kicks up a stink over canal towpath dog waste

Local historian says 'discarded poo bags give bad impression of borough's countryside'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A LOCAL historian is calling for more dog waste bins to be sited along a stretch of canal that is popular with walkers and visitors to a local tourist attraction.

Lawrence Critchley, an official of the Images of Burscough heritage group, said he was "shocked and disgusted" to find the towpath on the Rufford branch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal littered with discarded dog poo bags, some in ditches and others hanging from trees.

The section of the canal runs from the road bridge on Church Road, Rufford, to the swing bridge and Lawrence says it is used by lots of different people and groups, including visitors to the nearby Rufford Old Hall.

Now owned by the National Trust, the Grade 1 listed hall, parts of which date back to the 16th century, attracts tourists from all over the UK and overseas, and Lawrence says the state of the towpath will give a bad impression of the area.

Lawrence Critchley

On one visit he says he counted more than 30 discarded bags.

He said; "As well as being totally unacceptable, this gives a bad impression of our district's countryside. There is a dog waste bin on the other side of the road bridge but this is always full and many people are not aware of its location. Also, it gets so full that it has to have a second bag attached to the bin!"

Lawrence says he has contacted West Lancashire Borough Council and Rufford Parish Council and also took up the issue with the Canal and River Trust (CRT).

A spokeswoman for the CRT told the Champion: "We are going to look at options in terms of can we put an additional bin in the area and do we need to put any signage up reminding people that they need to take their litter with them. We can't guarantee anything at this stage, it costs money to put it in and then you have to empty them regularly but we are going to look into it and see what we can do."

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said it is the CRT's responsibility to install and empty any new bins on the canal towpath but said that the authority does empty the present bin on the trust's behalf.

He added: "The council will step up enforcement patrols in the Rufford area and would warn dog owners that it is their responsibility to clear up and dispose of their dog's mess appropriately. Tying a bag of dog mess to a tree or throwing it in a ditch does not count as disposing of it properly.

"Dog owners who do not dispose of dog mess properly can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75. If the owner does not pay this they can be taken to court."

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Borough flies the flag for Commonwealth Day

PUPILS from Ormskirk CE Primary School joined armed forces veterans at a flag-raising ceremony to mark Commonwealth Day.

Also attending the event held at the borough council building were Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Gail Stanley, West Lancs Borough Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and other civic dignitaries.

A message from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations was read out and a specially-written Commonwealth Affirmation was also read before the flag was raised.

Silence

The ceremony coincided with hundreds of other Commonwealth flags being raised in locations throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and Commonwealth countries.

Following the raising of the flag the mayor hosted a First World War commemorative act in the Mayor's Room, which included a two-minute silence, school children reading First World War nursery rhymes and the lighting of candles.

Right: Pupils from Ormskirk CE Primary School joined armed forces veterans at a flag-raising ceremony to mark Commonwealth Day.

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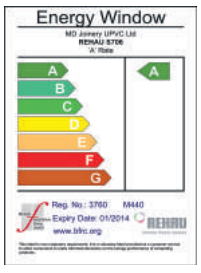

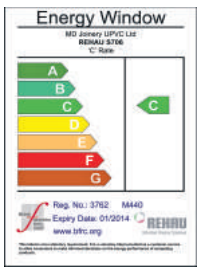

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As well as the GIANT duck hunt, Martin Mere also have a range of other family activities during the Easter holidays, including go along to otter talk and feeds, white stork feeds, delve into ponds and see what creatures you can find in daily pond dipping sessions, have a muddy adventure in wild walk, build a den out of conifer, take to the water on our canoe and boat safari, paint a duck and swing, climb, fly and play in our adventure playground…. And that is before you hand feed the birds. Search Martin Mere online for further information.

Normal admission charges apply to enter WWT Martin Mere.

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Support networks set up for cancer sufferers in borough

Report by **Henry James**

CANCER support networks have been set up across West Lancashire with the aim of helping, guiding and supporting patients who have cancer or their carers.

Staff are on hand to give support and guidance on coping with cancer at the events organised by West Lancashire Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service.

Monthly meetings are held in Parbold, Banks and Tarleton and on weekdays in Skelmersdale.

Out of the main 10 cancers found in people across England, people in West Lancashire are more likely to develop cancer in three of these areas, according to health data relating to 2008-10. These areas of prevalence are breast cancer, prostate cancer and skin cancer.

Macmillan points out cancer can affect all aspects of a person's life, not just their health and the team will be highlighting issues around the financial impact of the disease with many people faced with extra costs they hadn't considered.

Its research shows four in five people with cancer are £570 a month worse off as a result of their diagnosis, often due to being unable to work and having increased costs such as travel to hospital or increased fuel bills.

Caroline Flynn, Macmillan information and support service manager for West Lancashire, said: "It's really important that people living with cancer are able to access the financial advice and support they are entitled to so they can focus on what's most important, their health.

"We work closely with West Lancashire Citizens Advice, as well as a range of other organisations that can provide free and confidential advice.

Caroline Flynn, Macmillan information and support service manager for West Lancashire

"On the dates mentioned we're here at a variety of venues across West Lancashire to answer any questions about cancer. Whether people want to know what symptoms to look out for, need advice about managing the side effects of their treatment or want to find local support for carers, come along and see us. We are here to help you."

Elaine Deeming, lead cancer nurse, from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, added: "This is a great service designed to provide help, guidance and support to patients from West Lancashire. We have already had a lot of positive feedback across the four areas on how invaluable the Macmillan team has been."

People unable to visit the centre or outreach services but who have questions about cancer can visit www.macmillan.org.uk or call Macmillan free on 0808 808 00 00, Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm. Local Macmillan services are at www.macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area/choose-location.html.

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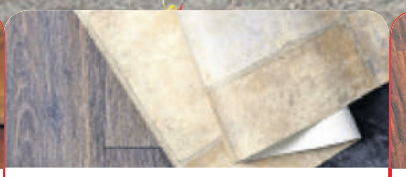

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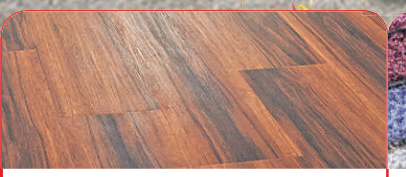

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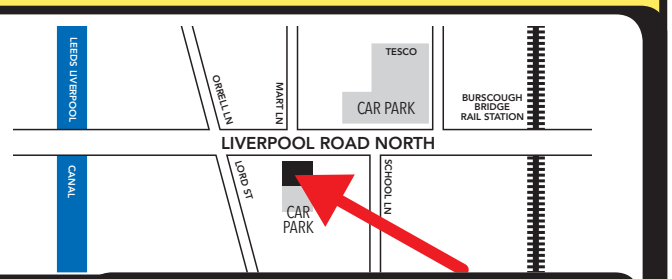

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Doddy's passing marks the demise of the age of 'genuine' comedy for me

THE tragic news of the death of Ken Dodd came after last week's columm had been submitted but I cannot let the passing of Liverpool's most loved comedian go without putting my own deep regret on paper.

For with his passing I honestly think we lost the best stand-up comic in the world, and the last of the genuinely funny men who could hold an audience spellbound for hours without resorting to filthy so-called jokes, taking cheap snipes at politicians (or anyone else) or hurting the feelings of any group of people.

He was a man whose humour appealed to anyone of any age, perhaps a man who never really grew up - and if so, was none the worse for that.

I had the privilege to meet and have lunch with Ken when I was still a young man. My mum won a Reader's Digest competition for £30,000, which was a lot in those days - which she didn't realise she had entered! - and Ken presented her with her cheque at a lunch at Liverpool's Atlantic Towers Hotel.

And in person he was a charming and witty host and my dad - already a Doddy fan - had a couple of the best hours of his life, I think.

I cannot better the shower of compliments and Doddy anecdotes that filled our airwaves and newspapers after his death. But of this I am certain, with his demise the age of comedy as I construe it has passed and can never be replaced.

Two other comedians who marked my life were of the same cut, Tommy Cooper and Norman Wisdom. If you need proof, tune in to one of the various comedy channels on Freeview and you'll find repeats of their performances, if not every day, certainly every week. And I cannot think of any one of the present crop of so-called comedians likely to be in that position in say 20 years time.

Actually of course, it might be a little more difficult to find Ken Dodd on TV, because television was not a medium of which he was particularly keen. Hopefully though we will have sufficient footage from his memorable theatre appearances and his one-man shows, which almost without exception overran their schedules (not good for TV!).

And perhaps uniquely amongst successful entertainers, Doddy never left his beloved home of Liverpool - though I reckon Blackpool ran it a close second when it came to live theatre performances.

Cast in the same mould of course are the great comedy duos, Morecambe and Wise and the Two Ronnies. They are still as popular today as they were in their heydays, and, just like Ken Dodd, neither relied on vulgarity or bullying to be funny.

Of course, none of the real greats tried to use their popularity for political ends either, another reason perhaps why they appealed to persons of any so-called class.

They were all funny in their own right. They didn't rely on schoolboy smuttiness or a barrage of four-letter words to get a laugh. They all honed their skills and learned to read their audiences and hold them in the palms of their hands. Often just a look could be good enough to bring the house down.

If there was one thing I think set the seal on the performances of people like them, it could be distilled into the title of Doddy's 'theme song', *Happiness*. For that's what Ken Dodd - and Tommy Cooper and Norman Wisdom - did for me, brought me happiness and (courtesy of Eric and Ernie) sunshine too!

Pet store's four-figure boost for animal charity

A WEST Lancashire-based animal charity has been given a four-figure boost - thanks to big-hearted pet lovers.

Jo Holmes, deputy manager of Pets At Home in Southport, presented a cheque for £3,135 to staff at the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood.

This was the sum of the funds the store raised with the support of their customers in the run-up to Christmas through their Buy a Christmas Dinner for A Shelter Animal appeal.

The money will go towards the costs of food, heating and lighting at the shelter.

Liz Gould from the charity said: "We would like to thank John Gannon the store manager, his staff and their customers at Southport Pets At Home who have been amazing in raising this amount and assure them that the money will be well spent looking after and rehabilitating the animals in the sanctuary's care.

"Over the winter, heating and food bills can increase for animals and so such a substantial amount will really help the charity cope with these extra winter bills.

"Where possible, we like to work with local businesses, schools and voluntary groups as part of our outreach programme to help educate and inform people about how they too can help animals in their local area.

Grateful

"We have been charity partners with the Southport Pets at Home store for a number of years and regularly take some of our animals to the store as part of our education and outreach programme.

"We are especially grateful to the staff and customers for the fantastic amount of money raised from the Christmas appeal which will make a real difference to our animals."

Jo Holmes, deputy manager at Pets At Home in Southport, and daughters Ashleigh and Lilly, pictured with the cheque presented to Woodlands

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Health chiefs welcome increase in children taking up flu vaccinations

THE SCREENING and Immunisation Team at NHS England, Lancashire and South Cumbria says it is delighted with increases in the number of flu vaccinations given to children this winter.

For the 2017/18 flu season, more than 52,000 children in Lancashire aged between four and nine years old received their flu vaccination.

That included 63% of children aged between four and five years old, a 29% increase from the previous flu season.

It also included 56.9% of seven and eight-year-olds and 60.3% of six and seven-year-olds, increases from 47.4% and 50.2% respectively.

Dr Kieran Murphy, Medical Director, Lancashire & South Cumbria said: "It's great news that so many took up the offer to have their children vaccinated this flu season. The vaccination helps not only the child, but their friends and family by decreasing the risk of spreading the flu.

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"All too often we hear about those most vulnerable, including young children, being extremely poorly with flu and related health complications.

"This winter has seen unprecedented pressures on the NHS and by having your child vaccinated against flu you can help to reduce the spread and decrease the amount of people requiring hospital treatment for health conditions relating to flu.

"The children's flu vaccination is given as a quick, and pain-free, nasal spray. Please take up the offer when it comes around during autumn this year."

The flu vaccine was offered to all children aged two and three on August 31 of last year, along with children in reception class and school years one to four.

Children aged between two and 17 with long-term health conditions were also offered the jab, along with those aged between six months and two years who are at high risk from flu. Over the next few years the programme will gradually be extended to include all older children.

School puts on the style for World Book Day

IMAGINATIVE youngsters – and staff - at a West Lancs primary school dressed up as a wide range of characters as part of a week of fun activities to mark World Book Day.

Pupils at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary on Church Road enjoyed fun sessions including reading with family members and dressing up.

Headteacher, Stephen Smith, said: "I was amazed at the range of outfits and costumes - from Mr Twit to Angelina Ballerina, from the Cat in the Hat to Jack Sparrow and from Mary Poppins to Gangster Granny, the children and staff looked fabulous!"

Pupils and staff mark World Book Day at Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary School

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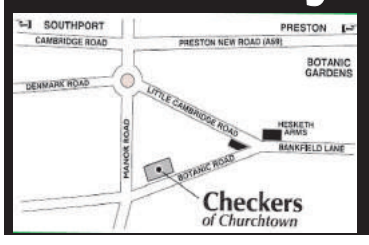

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Changes to garden waste service just mean more confusion and more unsightly bins!

I WOULD like to respond to two articles printed in the Champion (March 7).

The first is on Page 15 by Councillor Kevin Wilkie regarding the introduction of yet another wheelie bin, and changes to our garden waste collections.

He states a new scheme is being put in operation from March 12 to introduce a BROWN wheelie bin. This is now going to be for our garden waste!

What is wrong with leaving the GREEN bin for garden waste, which is green? These bins have been used for garden waste for years, is it not going to be more confusing to now use a BROWN bin.

Cardboard is mainly brown so it makes more sense to me to put cardboard and paper in the brown bins.

To change the green bins use is as daft as asking us to swap our waste into the BLUE bins and use the GREY bins for plastic, tins and bottles! Where does he expect us to store these new bins?

There was a time when you could walk down the street and see neat garden fronts and the occasional garden gnome with a cheeky face among the flowers which made you smile. Now all you see is rows of unsightly ugly wheelie bins. I know which I would rather see.

Is this the only way the council can get rid of their recycled plastic? What colour bin will they come up with next?

The second article I wish to mention is on Page 16, a letter from a lady in Rufford who witnessed on collection day, her carefully separated paper/cardboards being tipped into the wheelie bin then emptied into the truck.

She also asked if there was a process to re-separate them when they reached their destination. I would think not.

If everything we carefully separated ends up in a landfill site then why are we being made to recycle?

Could anyone enlighten us as to what exactly happens to our recycling waste?

Mrs V. Salkeld, by email

This smacks of tinkering just for the sake of it!

I READ with interest the article on Page 15 of the Champion (March 7) re: changes to the garden waste service and would like to make my feelings known.

Firstly, I fully support the council in wanting to swap the current box and bag system for recycling paper and cardboard. In my own personal case, it will mean fewer trips to the tip as a bin will accommodate more paper and cardboard. Also, placing the paper and cardboard in a bin with a secure lid should prevent rubbish from blowing around on the streets in the event of bad weather.

What I find baffling however is the idea that the existing green bins will now be used for the cardboard and paper, with the new brown bin being used for green waste. Why?

This smacks of tinkering for no good reason. What's wrong with keeping the existing green bins for 'green' waste and the new brown bins for cardboard and paper? Perhaps it is a potential ploy to raise even more money from cash-strapped residents as I see that some will have to pay?

Have the council also considered that the green bins, however clean they may be, are still likely to be contaminated with green waste, so when cardboard and paper are placed in them, there is a chance that they will not be accepted for recycling at the recycling plant owing to cross-contamination?

Carolyn Jassi, Rufford

PICTURE of the week

Archie the Bengal Eagle Owl from Stockley Farm Birds of Prey Centre poses for a momento of his visit to Lydiate St Thomas' CE Primary School. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Bins will outnumber beings at this rate!

AFTER the furore surrounding the new green waste collection charge, we now have the introduction of brown bins for green waste and green bins for paper and card.

Whose bright idea was that? Why couldn't brown bins for paper/card be given out to those who want one?

The answer is probably that, heaven forbid, people might decide not to have one. So instead, the council want to coerce residents into having bins they don't want.

Along with the question of how much this policy is costing, another is how much energy goes into the production and delivery of the bins compared to environmental benefits of recycling paper and card?

The whole thing is a fiasco with most houses having to find space for four different coloured bins and if you currently have two green bins, you can look forward to looking after six in total.

If aliens come to have a look at the beings of Earth later this year, they would be forgiven for thinking that the majority of 'beings' in this part of the planet are called 'bins' for short, as they will surely outnumber the human residents.

A.R., by email, details supplied

Efforts to report traffic problem to highways department in vain

ON Tuesday afternoon (March 13) I drove out of Morrisons Car Park to find the town centre gridlocked.

The traffic lights at the junction of Aughton Street and Park Road were stuck on green for Park Road, causing extreme traffic congestion going right back along Aughton Street to the fire station roundabout.

This in turn blocked traffic on County Road.

Being a good-spirited citizen, I felt I must report this problem.

Dial 999?Not really an emergency. Dial 101? Likelihood of long wait (plus the 15p call charge).

No, I'll ring Lancashire Highways, after all it's their responsibility.

First, a multi-choice selection for which department I need to speak to, then a lengthy recorded message telling me it was easier to report faults on-line.

By now I was out of Ormskirk and had lost interest in speaking to anyone. I'm sorry for the people who were held up, but I did try!

For those who are concerned, my passenger made the calls.

Driver, Aughton, details supplied

Beware of funeral plans that are not quite what they seem

MAY I, through your columns, draw your readers' attentions to a couple of issues that I recently experienced?

Four years ago I helped my elderly sister to buy a funeral plan. The process was quite straightforward, a simple form to complete giving my sister's personal information, together with her preferences and individual requirements (church burial/cremation, flowers, hymns etc.).

My sister sent off her cheque in full payment and she received confirmation from the funeral plan provider. Everything sorted - peace of mind.

However, when my sister passed away earlier this year things did not go strictly according to 'plan'.

Firstly, my understanding was that with having a funeral plan in place I could now simply contact my preferred funeral director who would take care of the arrangements. Unfortunately this was not the case.

It seems that the funeral plan that my sister had purchased could only be 'redeemed' with a funeral director who belongs to a specific 'cartel'. So although I was treated with courtesy and understanding, my preferred funeral director redirected me to another company who could honour the funeral plan that my sister had purchased.

Another surprise came when the second funeral director advised me that my sister's funeral plan only offered a 'contribution' towards her arrangements and that there were likely to be additional costs.

These two unexpected situations were not down to the small print, but were in fact due to: 1) my making assumptions about my choice of funeral director; and 2) the very carefully worded information in the funeral plan brochure - "the plans guarantee to cover the funeral director's costs in full" is quite accurate.

But I have now learned that the plan did not cover funeral directors' incurred expenses - which can be considerable.

Needless to say, the family ensured that my sister's arrangements were fulfilled according to her wishes, but I would advise anyone who may have purchased a funeral plan that it may be prudent to review exactly what costs, charges and expenses will be covered.

Name and address supplied

How can council tax rise be justified while handing out new bins?

HOW can the council justify the 5.65% increase in the council tax when they are about to introduce another wheelie bin to the householders of West Lancs?

Why are we getting a brown bin to collect green waste and a brown bin to collect cardboard which in the main is brown? But any way if we have to have a new bin why not leave green bins green and the new bin for the cardboard?

It must be costing a packet to introduce the new bin, but that should not cost us 5.65% increase on our tax, and where are we going to store another wheelie bin?

David Jones, Skelmersdale

What a waste of money!

WHO on Earth concocted this plan for the waste collection service?

So we will now put green waste in new brown bins, cardboard and paper will be in the existing green bins.

Residents with two green bins will receive two brown bins so they will then have six bins. Surely this is wasting money?

Babs Houghton, Newburgh

Search for new magistrates launched

A RECRUITMENT process to appoint new magistrates to serve local communities within Lancashire is now underway.

As it looks for volunteers to help administer justice in the county, Lancashire's Advisory Committee says that magistrates come from a wide variety of backgrounds, ethnicity, age and gender and that there is no requirement to be legally qualified or to hold any academic qualification.

However, qualities sought include sound judgment, good communication skills and sound temperament.

Anyone who lives in Lancashire is eligible to serve as a magistrate. You must be a minimum of 18 years old to apply. Magistrates retire from the bench at the age of 70 and the Lord Chancellor normally expects a period of five years service before retirement.

If you feel that you can make a contribution to the administration of justice within the Lancashire area, you can obtain further information from Mrs April Kilpatrick at the Lancashire Advisory Committee (lancs.advisorycommittee@justice.gov.uk). Details on how to apply can be found at www.gov.uk/become-magistrate/what-magistrates-do.

Council offers helping hand to community clean-up volunteers

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council has said it is still making help available to residents who want to take part in the Great British Spring Clean.

The Keep Britain Tidy Group has also extended the 2018 Great British Spring Clean campaign to Sunday, March 25 to inspire hundreds of thousands of people to participate in community clean-ups.

Community groups and local residents who postponed or were put off having such activities due to the threat of adverse weather can still ask the council for resources such as bin bags and litter pickers.

Interested parties should contact Michelle Williams, the council's Street Scene operations manager, on 01695 577177 ext 5449 or by email michelle.williams@westlancs.gov.uk.

The council's environmental enforcement officers will also be out supporting community events.

The Parks and Countryside Service organised a clean-up of Tawd Valley Park on Saturday, March 17.

This event was run in conjunction with the Friends of Tawd Valley Park as their inaugural practical activity.

The Rangers are also encouraging and supporting parish councils and residents across the borough to organise their own events in their area.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "A key priority in the Council Plan is to be ambitious for our environment and its cleanliness. Working together can make a real contribution in tackling litter issues and improving the quality of the environment."

For more information about volunteering opportunities with the Parks and Countryside Ranger Service email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk or phone 01695 622794. Please note that they can only accept volunteers aged 18 years and upwards.

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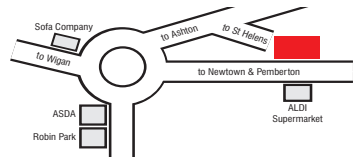

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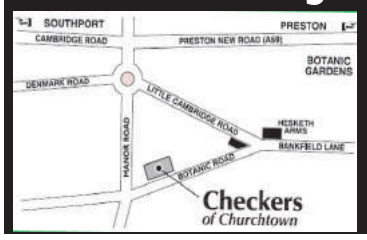

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Bands join forces to drum up funds for cancer charity

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A 60s ROCK band from Ormskirk has teamed up with a Merseyside-based band and a leading cancer charity to organise fundraising concerts, the first of which will be at St George's Social Centre, Station Road, Maghull, on Friday, March 23.

The Rebels have been playing along with other local bands at six-monthly concerts in aid of cancer charities since 2010.

They have now partnered with Rockin' Relics and Cancer Research to form Gig4Life.

The Rebels first formed in the 1960s and three of the present line-up are original members - including Keith Hubbard and Roy Smith who also played with 1970s chart-toppers Chicory Tip.

The Rockin' Relics, which has previously organised concerts at Maghull in aid of cancer charities, are a six-piece outfit.

Member and one of the event organisers, Roy Montrosel, was the vocalist of some of the early 1960s Liverpool bands including The Phoenix Five, The Midnights and The Koobas.

The groups will be joined for the March 23 gig by Searchin', a Merseybeat and 60s-themed five-piece live covers band from Liverpool.

The event starts at 8pm and tickets are £3 on the door, with all proceeds going to Cancer Research.

Roy Montrose says that the new collaboration Gig4Life aims to amalgamate the two separate fundraising efforts that he and Keith Hubbard had been leading in Liverpool and Lancashire.

He says that their local concerts will continue but that it is hoped bigger events will be organised throughout the year. "It's a new concept and very exciting for all concerned."

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Forces team up to raise awareness of drug gangs exploiting young and vulnerable

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has partnered with the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit (Titan) to publicise the issue of 'county lines' where criminal gangs use a dedicated mobile phone line and exploit young and vulnerable people as drugs runners to co-ordinate illegal dealing in towns many miles away.

A launch event used actors to demonstrate a county lines scenario between a young drugs runner, their concerned parent, and a gang member. The aim was to help members of the public to understand how victims get involved and how to spot the signs that someone needs help.

Drugs runners are often young or vulnerable people who have been recruited using intimidation, deception, violence, debt bondage, or grooming. During the grooming process the victims are likely to commit criminal offences. Drugs runners are often deployed to market and coastal towns many miles away from their home by senior gang members who tend to stay at their urban base looking after the drugs line and co-ordinating activity.

Young recruits are usually teenagers but can be as young as 10 and also vulnerable adults including drug users, alcoholics, or those with mental health problems or learning difficulties. They travel on their own on the rail network and risk their health by carrying drugs internally. Gang members often use intimidation, violence, and weapons, including knives, corrosives, and firearms, making it difficult for their victims to get out of the situation.

County lines criminality is a problem throughout the country and has been around for many years. There are now instances coming into Lancashire, particularly from Manchester, Liverpool, London, and West Yorkshire. The nature of county lines activity means it crosses police boundaries and Lancashire Constabulary along with other forces throughout the North West and the country are working collaboratively to disrupt these organised crime networks.

The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness among members of the public to help individuals to spot the signs and encourage them to report any concerns in confidence through the CrimeStoppers anonymous line: 0800 555 111.

Assistant Chief Constable Alan Barr, head of Titan, said: "The issue of county lines is becoming widespread across the region and further afield and by working alongside all communities, forces, and partners we want to educate parents, teachers, carers, and mental health professionals about how to identify some of the warning signs that vulnerable young people and adults are being used to deliver drugs and the ways you can report it to relevant agencies."

Andrew Webster, temporary Detective Chief Superintendent at Lancashire Constabulary, commented: "Criminal gangs will exploit vulnerability in all of its forms to aid their activities. We can only combat this if members of the public understand what criminal exploitation is, how to spot the signs, and what to do if they think a person they know is being exploited."

And Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, added: "Stopping criminal gangs who use young and vulnerable people, involving them in criminality which crosses into the county from elsewhere is a problem which we continue to see, with officers working harder than ever to stop them blighting our communities."

Primary pupils brave the icy weather to enjoy a history lesson with a difference...

PRIMARY school children enjoyed a history lesson with a difference when they were treated to an interactive war-themed concert and informative talk about war horses.

The Pied Piper day was hosted by Parbold Douglas Music at Parbold Village Hall.

Dot Hawkes from Lathom Park Trust taught the children about Lathom Park Remount Depot, where men were trained to use horses during the First World War, while folk musicians Mark Dowding and Derek Gifford sang themed songs that the children had been learning at school.

Eight primary schools were originally due to attend the event but due to bad weather only two made it - Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Primary School, Parbold, and SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School, Mawdesley.

Lathom Park Trust patron, Lord Derby, donated a raffle prize of a family pass to his Knowsley Safari Park, which was won by Rosalind Williams of Our Lady and All Saints. And WH Smith provided £500 worth of book vouchers to be divided between the schools. Each school also received a signed copy of the Michael Morpurgo War Horse novel.

Musicians Mark Dowding and Derek Gifford, Dot Hawkes from Lathom Park Trust and pupils from Our Lady and All Saints who took part in the Pied Piper War Horse interactive concert at Parbold Village Hall.

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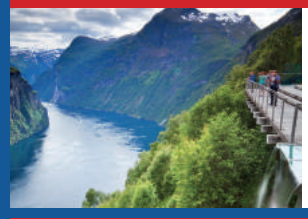

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Northern Rail to face more strike action in ongoing guards dispute

Report by **Henry James**

Passengers on Northern Rail face more disruption with further strikes planned

RAIL Union RMT has confirmed a further 48 hours of strike action on Northern Rail, which operates the Southport to Manchester service through West Lancashire.

The walk-outs will take place on Monday, March 26 and Thursday, March 29.

RMT has said the stoppages are over the "safety-critical guard" and the extension of Driver Only Operation "in the name of increased profits".

The strikes will run for 24 hours on both days.

The union is also calling tripartite talks with the company and the Department for transport (DfT) aimed at reaching a solution to the long-running dispute.

RMT general secretary, Mick Cash, said: "Every single effort that RMT has made to reach a negotiated settlement with Northern Rail over safe operation and safe staffing has been kicked back in our faces. No one should be in any doubt, this dispute is about putting the safety of the travelling public before the profits of the private train companies

"It is frankly ludicrous that we have been able to negotiate long-term arrangements in Scotland and Wales that protect the guards and passenger safety but we are being denied the same opportunities with rail companies in England.

"Theresa May and Chris Grayling are happy to stand aside and cheer on overseas rail companies that rip-off the British passenger with eye-watering fare increases to subsidise their domestic transport operations while throwing the guards off our trains. If it's good enough for Wales and Scotland to put safety first then it's good enough for the rest of the UK.

"RMT remains ready for the tripartite talks we have suggested."

A spokesman for Northern said: "On strike days Northern is only able to operate a limited service.

"For example, on weekday strikes, the majority of available trains typically operate between 7am and 7pm, with many last trains leaving before 7pm.

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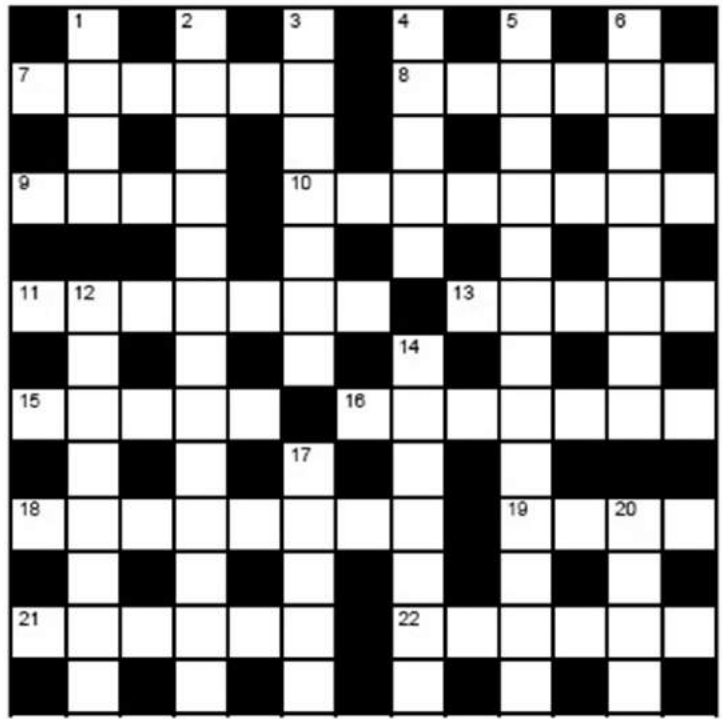

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Across: 7. Moving picture. 8. Mandolin. 9. Idle. 10. Unleash. 12. Usage. 14. Evade. 16. Foresee. 19. Olio. 20. Test tube. 22. Isles of Scilly.

Down: 1. Rota. 2. Birdie. 3. Ageless. 4. Fiend. 5. Ethics. 6. Prologue. 11. Novelist. 13. Consist. 15. Doomed. 17. Entail. 18. Ethos. 21. Bold.

ACROSS

7. Do something vigorously or without restraint (3, 3)
8. A voucher entitling the holder to a discount off a particular product (6)
9. Silvery-white metal chemical element (4)
10. Consider again, in the light of different factors (8)
11. A mass of enlarged lymphatic tissue between the back of the nose and the throat, often hindering speaking and breathing in young children (7)
13. A petty or unnecessary objection (5)
15. Moved slowly and carefully to avoid being heard or noticed (5)
16. Attire, garments (7)
18. Distribute (resources or duties) for a particular purpose (8)
19. Assert or confess openly (4)
21. A person who copies out documents (6)
22. Water down (6)

DOWN

1. Abbreviated term for a shop selling cooked meats (4)
2. Extreme or irrational fear of spiders (13)
3. Find fault with someone (7)
4. Atlantic, Pacific or Indian for instance (5)
5. To a great or significant extent (13)
6. Either of the two times in the year when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point in the sky at noon (8)
12. In a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect (8)
14. Before or by now or the time in question (7)
17. Tired, lacking enthusiasm (5)
20. Solemn promise (4)

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Rosie Cooper deposits a cup in one of the bring banks watched by Wouter van Tol (left) and recycling centre employee, Ian McKay.

MP launches new paper cup recycling scheme

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper joined officials of the Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE UK) to officially launch a new recycling service for plastic-lined paper cups in Burscough.

Since January residents have been able to recycle their used cups alongside food and drink cartons at specialist bring banks located at Burscough Household Waste Recycling Centre in Abbey Lane.

The bring banks accept polyethylene-lined paper cups which are used for hot drinks such as tea and coffee in High Street coffee shops, fast food outlets and supermarkets.

The new service is the result of an agreement between ACE UK, which operates the dedicated food and drink carton recycling service available in Burscough, and High Street retailers and cup manufacturers.

The agreement was set up to give people access to recycling for paper cups through the carton bring bank service. Cups are made from similar materials to food and drink cartons and will be recycled using the same process, at ACE UK's recycling facility in Halifax.

Rosie Cooper said: "Previously coffee cups could not be recycled through council waste collections but with their growing use it was imperative to take the opportunity to include them.

"West Lancashire residents have always responded well to different recycling schemes implemented, and I hope that they will take full advantage of this new service."

Joining Ms Cooper at the launch was Wouter van Tol, head of corporate responsibility at global packaging specialists, Huhtamaki, members of the paper cup alliance and funders of the recycling scheme. Mr van Tol commented: "Contrary to perception, coffee cups can be recycled and are a hygienic and sustainable solution for on-the-go consumption. We thank Rosie Cooper for her help as we look to promote the growth of recycling services for paper cups."

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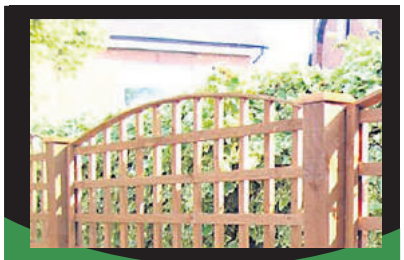
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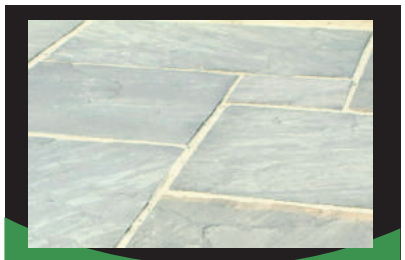
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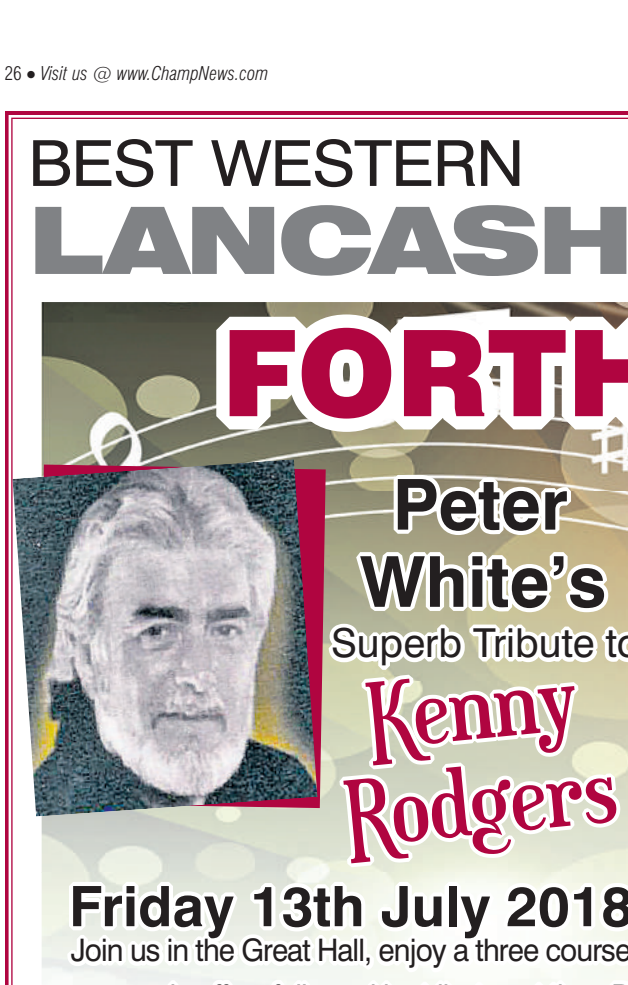

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Parkrun stages its own ladies' day to mark 100 years of votes for women

ORMSKIRK'S Parkrun was 'taken over' for the day by women to celebrate 100 years of women gaining the right to vote.

All of the volunteer roles at the weekly community running event, held at Edge Hill University, were undertaken by women, with many of them dressing up in the kind of costumes that would have been worn by the suffragettes in 1918.

There was also a re-enactment of one of the tragedies related to the suffragettes' struggle, when Emily Davidson was killed after walking in front of King George V's horse at the 1913 Epsom Derby.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The parkrun takeover was part of the Wonder Women programme being undertaken by Edge Hill, a series of events to commemorate Parliament's passing of the Representation of People Act in February 1918.

Although the act did not give the vote to all women, only those over the age of 30 who occupied a house (or were married to someone who did), the new legislation was a significant step towards full suffrage. Previously women had no voting rights at all.

The act also extended voting rights to all men over the age of 21 and men in the armed forces over the age of 19. Previously, only men who owned property were entitled to vote.

Margaret Ellams, Parkrun participant and member of the Edge Hill Wonder Women team, said: "It was a great morning and a reminder of how much we have to thank the suffragists and suffragettes for their work on enabling women to gain the vote."

Women took over the volunteer roles at Ormskirk's Parkrun event to commemorate 100 years since the vote was granted to women. They also re-enacted the fatal incident at the 1913 Epsom Derby involving Emily Davidson.

New support service for breastfeeding mothers

LANCASHIRE County Council is teaming up the Families and Babies organisation (FAB) to deliver a new county-wide breastfeeding support service from April 1.

Peer support will be offered to new mums who want to breastfeed in hospital, at home and in the community.

The service will provide bedside support on maternity wards, home visits and a phone and text message advice, as well as training for people who want to become peer support volunteers.

It also includes a scheme to sign up more shops, cafes and other community venues as breastfeeding friendly places.

County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Research has shown how important breastfeeding is for the health of mothers and their children. Our peer support service helps to develop a supportive infant feeding community where mothers can breastfeed for as long as they wish.

"The peer support, along with the infant feeding support service at our children's centres, which was accredited with UNICEF Baby Friendly status last year, are a key part of our plans to encourage more mums to breastfeed."

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the county council's director of public health, commented: "Breastfeeding boosts a child's immune system, so breastfed babies are far less likely to suffer gastroenteritis or respiratory conditions. Breastfeeding also improves the bond between mothers and their child and can help children and mothers to maintain a healthy weight.

"Mothers who breastfeed have improved mental health and a lower risk of developing some cancers. It's crucial that mums who want to breastfeed get good support at hospital in the first few days of a child's life and that this continues when they go home.

"It's also important to ensure there are places where mums feel comfortable breastfeeding when they're out and about. The FAB peer support service will help new mums and their children enjoy these health benefits and is a crucial part of our plans to provide infant feeding support and ensure children have a healthy start to life."

Elaine Edwards, chair of FAB, said: "Provision will focus upon early support principles with contact from peer support being offered within the first 48 hours after birth, with home visits being available after the initial midwifery visit."

And Marie Longworth, Operations Manager of FAB, added: "We know how effective peer support can be alongside health professionals. It is our aim to support mothers with breastfeeding from the birth of their child through to six or eight weeks in a variety of ways."

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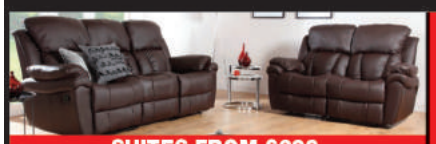
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Care trust shortlisted for efficiency and improvement awards

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted in three categories at the prestigious Health Service Journal Value in Healthcare Awards.

The awards recognise and reward outstanding efficiency and improvement by NHS service providers.

The first accolade the trust has been nominated for is the 'Mental Health' award because of its work in enhancing acute mental health care pathways.

A recent initiative involved the introduction of a range of options for treatment for patients, including specialist short-term inpatient assessments, crisis houses and intensive psychological therapies, which do not necessitate admission to hospital.

Phil Horner, Deputy Head of Operations for the Mental Health Network, said: "We are really pleased to be able to offer people in Lancashire a broader range of treatment options when they need specialist mental health care. Whilst many patients undoubtedly benefit from admission to hospital, there are also a number of patients who prefer to access our intensive community support schemes. We have found both patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes to be excellent, and as consequence of our new services our reliance on out of area placements has significantly reduced."

Phil Horner, Deputy Head of Operations for the Mental Health Network.

The second award for which the trust has been shortlisted is for 'Improving the value of NHS support services.' This is because of its commitment to patient safety. The organisation has created a team of specialised serious incident investigators to learn why an incident occurred in order to prevent it happening again, or to minimise the likelihood of a recurrence.

Simon Pierce, Head of Investigations and Learning, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for a team of people who have transformed the way we investigate and learn from serious incidents in little over a year. They have changed for the better the experiences of staff, service users, their families and everyone who is affected by an incident."

Last but not least the trust's pharmacy team has been shortlisted in the 'Training and Development' category, for their work in developing an in-house virtual learning community for mental health pharmacists enabling them to share knowledge in order to improve care.

Lisa Ainsworth, Medicines Management Education and Training Lead, said: "We are delighted to have been recognised nationally for our work in developing this system. The creation of the Virtual Learning Environment has allowed for the sharing of clinical expertise within the team which ultimately leads to improved patient care and experience for those accessing our services!"

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Thursday, June 7 at Manchester Central.

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A BENEFACTOR of the Sewing Rooms in Skelmersdale has been named the new High Sheriff of Lancashire.

Anthony Attard - known as Tony - will be sworn in at a special ceremony on Friday, April 6, when he takes over the office from Robert Mitchel Webb.

Originally from Poole in Dorset, Tony made what proved to be a permanent move north when he went to university in Manchester.

It was while studying there that he witnessed the large Woolworths fire in 1979, where 10 people lost their lives. The tragedy had a lasting effect on him and he went on to start his own company designing and creating flame-retardant fabrics for international commercial interiors, and exports to more than 50 countries.

He is now the chief executive of East Lancashire-based Panaz and chair of Marketing Lancashire.

Personally appointed by The Queen each year, the role of High Sheriff of Lancashire dates back more than 1,000 years.

Tony said: "To become High Sheriff of Lancashire is a great honour and one that I will always hold very dear. This historical privilege is a great and ancient tradition and to follow in the footsteps of so many great Lancastrians is quite a daunting prospect.

"I will do my utmost to carry on the excellent work my immediate past sheriffs have achieved and uphold the objectives of the position."

Right: The new High Sheriff of Lancashire, Anthony Attard

Peter pens book on spooky encounters - with a little help from the Champion!

A NEW book exploring paranormal experiences across Britain – including sightings on Halsall Moss – has been published, thanks to a little help from the Champion!

Former clinical psychologist turned phenomena investigator Peter McCue, from Glasgow, has released *Paranormal Encounters on Britain's Roads*, which reflects on the enormous range of otherworldly experiences reported along the country's roads and examines the theory that certain areas are 'hotspots' for such happenings.

The Champion revealed in October 2016 that a retired doctor, Rob Gandy, had spent more that 50 years investigating ghostly sightings on Halsall Moss. His spooky story was first published in the Fortean Times winter issue in 1990, an independent publication which explores 'unique phenomena' including far-out theories and beliefs.

He then ran an appeal in the Champion for those who had experienced similar sightings to contact him, which proved very successful.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

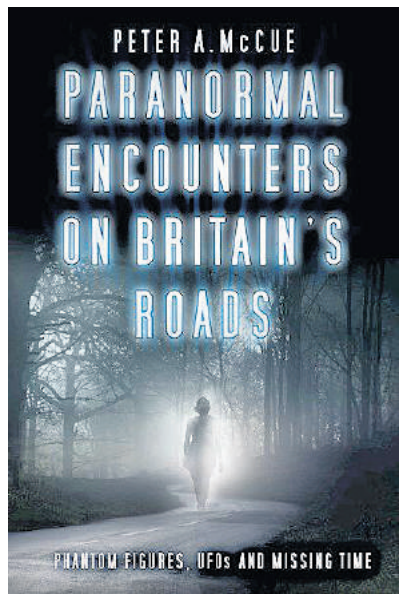
Last year, Peter McCue, asked us for Rob Gandy's contact details and he delved into Dr Gandy's findings for his new book.

Mr McCue said: "Thanks to the Champion I was able to delve into Mr Gandy's findings on the Halsall Moss, which were very intriguing.

"In the book, which covers sightings across the width and length of the UK, I focus on sightings of apparitional vehicles; encounters with 'colliding apparitions'; 'phantom hitch-hikers'; out-of-place big cats; phantom black dogs; 'missing time' (strange memory gaps); vehicle interferences (such as mysterious breakdowns); and incidents in which drivers and passengers seem to have been translocated in space or time.

"I debate the evidence and theories in a critical but open-minded way."

Paranormal Encounters on Britain's Roads can be bought at amazon.com and thehistorypress.co.uk.



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Search for raffle millionaire

OFFICIALS of the National Lottery are hunting for a Lotto Millionaire Raffle winner.

Every week Lotto Millionaire Raffle guarantees to create two millionaires – one on Wednesday and one on Saturday. However, the lucky winner from the Lotto draw on Wednesday, February 28 has still to claim their prize.

The search is now on to find the owner of the winning ticket which was bought in Wigan. For every Lotto line played, players automatically receive a Lotto Millionaire Raffle code printed on their ticket.

The winning code on February 28 2018 was PLUM 1592 1867 and the lucky ticket-holder has until August 27, 2018 to claim their prize.

Anyone not in possession of their ticket, for whatever reason, but who believes they have a genuine claim can still make a claim in writing to Camelot, but it must be within 30 days of the draw.

If no-one comes forward with the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the prize money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to help National Lottery-funded projects across the UK.

Andy Carter, Senior Winners' advisor at The National Lottery, said: "We're eager to find the mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings – this amazing prize could really make a huge difference to somebody's life. We're urging everyone who bought a Lotto ticket in this area to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing ticket could be hiding."

With all National Lottery draws, players have 180 days from the day of the draw to claim their prize if they have the winning ticket. Anyone who has any queries or who believes they have the winning ticket for any of the National Lottery draws within the 180-day deadline should call the National Lottery Line on 0333 234 5050 or email help@national-lottery.co.uk.

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Alina Ibragimova has established a global reputation as one of the most accomplished violinists of her generation. Alina became famous aged 12, playing the Bach double violin concerto with Nicola Benedetti at UNESCO celebrations in Paris. Alina started her studies in Moscow but has been based in Britain since 1996. She appeared on five occasions in the 2015 BBC Proms, including two solo concerts, alone on the stage of The Albert Hall, London, in front of capacity audiences of 6,000. Alina's awards include the Classical BRIT Young Performer of the Year Award 2009. She was made an MBE for services to music in the 2016 New Year Honours List.

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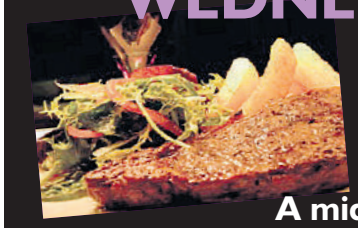

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(Make Request).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0201/FUL Single storey extension to rear and internal alterations at The Old Barn House, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0251/FUL Demolition of existing nurses wing, erection of extension to Wrightington Hall, creation of additional vehicular parking spaces and associated external works at Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0252/FUL Raising the existing roof to allow for a first floor extension above an existing entrance and garage, adding two new dormer windows and rooflights. Roof to extend forward to form a new porch area and canopy over the existing garage at 58 Granville Park West, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0260/FUL Single storey side extension at 5 Blythe Meadow, High Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0264/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey side extension at 5 Blythe Meadow, High Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0281/OUT Outline - Erection of two buildings for B1(c), B2 and B8 purposes with ancillary B1 offices, formation of vehicle parking areas, landscaping with associated infrastructure with all matters reserved at Land On The Western Side Of, XL Business Park, Statham Road, Skelmersdale.
2018/0300/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing nurses wing, erection of extension to Wrightington Hall at Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 21st March 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT989

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHORLEY, FYLDE, HYNDBURN, PRESTON, RIBBLE VALLEY, ROSSENDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE) (REVOCATIONS AND 20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Speed Limit Order under Sections 83(2) and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wrightington, Banks, Simonswood And Aughton, West Lancashire Borough) (Revocation And 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2015' in full.
2. Revoke Schedule 1 – Column 3, item 9 of the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Wilpshire, Ribble Valley (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2017'.
3. Revoke the Schedule of the 'Lancashire County Council (Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, Preston Borough) (Restricted Road) Order 1995'.
4. Revoke Schedule 1 – Item 1 of the 'Borough Of Hyndburn Various Roads (Restricted Roads) (50mph Speed Limit) (Revocation And Variation) Order 2001'.
5. Revoke Schedule 1 – Item 1 of the 'Lancashire County Council (Restricted Roads) (No.4) Order 1977'.
6. Revoke the Schedule of the 'Statutory Instrument 1962 No. 973 Road Traffic The Trunk Roads (40 M.P.H. Speed Limit Direction) (No.27) Order 1962'.
7. Revoke Schedule 2 – Item 2 of the 'Borough Of Hyndburn Various Roads (Restricted Roads) (50mph Speed Limit) (Revocation And Variation) Order 2001'.
8. Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on U50714 Glendene Park, Clayton-Le-Dale, for its entire length.
9. Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on the A671 Rochdale Road, Bacup, from its junction with Bath Street to its junction with Union Street.
10. Introduce a 30mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road:
a) U21094 Back Lane, Rising Bridge, from a point 172 metres south-east of its junction with U16718 Partridge Drive, Accrington to a point approximately 40 metres north-west of its junction with U47883, Hazel Street Rising Bridge;
b) C349 Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, from a point 148 metres from the centreline of the B6243 Preston Road to a point 85 metres north of the centreline of U12326 Cow Hill, Haighton;
c) C270 Mythop Road, Weeton, from its junction with The Laurels for a distance of 100 metres in a south westerly direction;
d) U7454 Clod Lane, Haslingden, from a point 295 metres south of its junction with Manchester Road to its junction with Greens Lane;
e) U7452 Ewood Lane, Haslingden, for its entire Length;
f) U7452 Greens Lane, Haslingden, from a point 475 metres east of Brooklands Avenue to its junction with Ewood Lane.
11. Introduce a 40mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road:
a) A5209 Hall Lane and Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington, from a point 175 metres west of the centreline of Glenside to the county boundary with Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council at the easterly side of the roundabout with the M6 motorway;
b) C176 Moss Lane, Wrightington, from its junction with the A5209 for a distance of 60 metres in a north westerly direction;
c) B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, from the junction with the A5209 Crow Orchard Road to a point 14 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane;
d) C126 Sineacre Lane, Simonswood, from its junction with Stopgate Lane to a point 50 metres south of Moss Lane;
e) C126 Stopgate, Simonswood, for its entire length;
f) U1027 Cut Lane, Aughton, from its junction with Narrow Lane for a distance of approximately 135 metres;
g) U959 Shepherd's Lane, Aughton, from its junction with Narrow Lane for a distance of approximately 60 metres;
h) C120 Mill Lane, Aughton, for its entire length;
i) C142 Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks, from a point 440 metres east of the Merseyside County Boundary to a point 840 metres east of the County Boundary;
j) C208 Rivington Lane, Rivington, from a point 87 metres north-west of the centreline of Dryfield Lane (U4817) for a distance of 573 metres in a north-westerly direction;
k) A679 Burnley Road, Accrington, from a point 215 metres east of the centreline of Carlisle Road for a distance of 1,280 metres in an easterly direction;
l) C290 Ballam Road, Westby-with-Plumpton, from a point 67 metres west of its junction with Fox Lane Ends/Station Road to a point 200 metres south of its junction with West Moss Lane;
m) C283 Peel Road, Westby-With-Plumpton, for its entire length.
12. Introduce a 50mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of road:
a) B6535 Harwood Road, Rishton, from its junction with Lee Lane/Wilpshire Road for a distance of 310 metres in a southerly direction;
b) B6535 Lee Lane, Rishton, from its junction with Harwood Road/Wilpshire Road for a distance of 950 metres in a northerly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2RA; of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 1LW; of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF; of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1DP; of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB11 9SA; of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop; The Business Centre; Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB; of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2RL; at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.6450\ML2** before the 20 April 2018.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
20 March 2018

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Pat, Paul and Adam would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence, cards and flowers and donations to the Oncology Unit at Southport Hospital following the sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandpa.
Special thankyou to Father Joseph Simionato for his kindness and lovely service and to Jeff and his team at Banks of Orrell Funeral Directors for their care and dignified funeral arrangements.

WRIGHT MARGARET

Arthur & Family would like to thank the overwhelming number of people who attended Margaret's service and for their kind words of sympathy at such a difficult time. Appreciation to Reverend Eileen Heaney at St Marks Church, Scarisbrick for her warm ministrations.
A special mention for the Doctors & Nurses on 15A at Southport & District General Hospital for their care displayed to Margaret and the family.
Thanks to Hurleston Hall for their hospitality.
Gratitude to Claire, Dave and their excellent team at Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors who all supported the family.

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The family of the late Jack Parker wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.
Also for the cards, letters of condolence and donations to Dementia UK. Thanks to Doctor Tilley at Burscough Health Centre and Staff at Stocks Hall Nursing Home, Burscough.
Thanks to Rev'd. David Craven for a comforting service, and to Lorraine Stanger and the staff of Cookson Tyrer in Burscough for funeral arrangements.

BIRTHDAYS

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DEATHS

GALLAGHER JOHN PATRICK

Passed away peacefully on 15th March 2018 at Birch Green Care Home, Skelmersdale

Aged 84 years

Cremation service will be held on 26th March at 3.15pm at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only or donations to Birch Green Care Home will be gratefully received. For further information, contact Skelmersdale Funeral Services. Tel: 01695 559868

FINCH JOAN

Formerly Bimson

9th March 2018

Aged 88 years

Wife of the late Dennis Finch. Dearly loved mother of Richard and Nicola, Grandmother of Lucy, and mother in law to Dave. Will be greatly missed. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cats Protection League or NSPCC
Funeral Service to be held at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough
For details of date time please Contact Skelmerdale Funeral Services 01695 559868

SPENCER EDWARD (JOHN)

March 16th 2018

Passed away peacefully

Aged 80 years

Will be sadly missed by Sister Rachel, Niece Charlotte, Nephews Richard and Henry, Brother-in-law Harry and Sisters-in-law Mary and Bernadette and families. Funeral will be held at St James' Westhead Church at 11.00am on Monday 26th March, all welcome. Family flowers only, enquiries regarding donations, if desired, c/o Craven Funeral Directors, 16 Derby Street West, Ormskirk L39 3NH. Tel: 01695 577200

MORTON BRENDA

11th March 2018

At Home

Aged 84 Years

Much loved Wife of Ken. Loved Mum of Ken and Gill (Deceased). Funeral Service at St Andrews Church Maghull on Tuesday 27th March at 1.30pm. Cremation following at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Diabetes Research c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L32 5JB Tel 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

SLATER KATH

11TH MARCH 2018

Peacefully in hospital

Aged 83 Years

Much Loved Wife of Harold Loved Mum of Kevin and Andrew. Dear Nan to her Grandchildren Funeral Service at St Andrews Church Maghull on Thursday 22nd March at 11.00am Cremation following at West Lancashire Crematorium Pippin Street Burscough. Family flowers only please but Donations if desired for Maghull RBL Poppy Appeal c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB Tel 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

TANNER WINIFRED MARY

March 8th 2018

Peacefully in Hospital aged 95 years

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral Mass at St Gregory's Church, Lydiate on Monday March 26th 2018 at 10:00 am followed by burial at Bootle Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Cancer Research UK c/o Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel:0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

WILDMAN EDWARD BARRIE

12th March 2018

Peacefully in his sleep

Much loved Husband of Joyce, Father of Richard and Kate. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 26th March at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Salvation Army c/o Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Liverpool, L31 5JB or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

GODDARD FRED

11th March 2018

Aged 98 years

Loving Husband of Amelia, much loved Uncle to all his Niece's and Nephew's. Fred will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 26th March at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Galloway's Society for the Blind. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

COOK RICHARD

25.03.1941 - 14.03.2018

Aged 76 years

Formerly of Egerton, Skelmersdale

Passed away peacefully in Hospital

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HANNON MICHELLE

11th March 2018

Aged 49 years

Died suddenly, cherished Daughter of Carol, beautiful mum of Nick, Stacey, Rhean and Caitlin. Loving Sister of Gill and Kieran, adored Nanny of Josh, Layton, Ethan, Luis, Joel and her beautiful Faye (Mia). Michelle will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. The family have requested that colourful clothing to be worn. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 23rd March at 1:20pm. Flowers welcome. Enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PEDLEY JEFFERY (JEFF)

March 9th 2018

Suddenly aged 63 years

Loving Brother of Alison and Graham. Jeff was a solicitor for over 30 years and will be sadly missed by his Nephews, Nieces, family and friends. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Compassion Church Formby on Wednesday 28th March at 12 noon followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Donations by request to Jospice c/o Coyne Bros, 3 Old Mill Lane Formby L37 3PE. Tel 01704 873899

WILLS MARY

Passed away peacefully in hospital on 16th March 2018 aged 92 years of Ormskirk

Much Loved Mum of Lynne and Pamela, Dear Mother in law of Kevin, and Loving Nan of Jack, Rachel, Alexander, & Matthew. Requiem Mass and Interment at St. Annes Church, Ormskirk on Monday 26th March 2018 at 10.00am. Family flowers only please by request but donation if so desired for North West Cancer Research. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888.

McLEAN ISABELLA

Passed away peacefully on 10th March 2018 aged 90 years of Ormskirk

Dear Wife of the late Robert (Ken), much loved Mum of Andrew & Kim and the late Robert. Loving Grandma of Jane, Iain, Mark & David, & Great-Grandmother of Benjamin & Anna Rose.
Loved and missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire crematorium, Burscough on Friday 23rd March at 3.15pm. Family flowers only be request. Further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tel: 01695 424888

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

LUCINDA MARY (Nee Mcloughlin)

On 12th March 2018 Peacefully in Hospital Aged 85 years

R.I.P

Beloved Wife of Bob, loving Mum of Sharon, Tracy, Robert and Lynn and a dearly loved Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Funeral service will take place at the Church of the Assumption, Beeston, Nottingham, on Friday 23rd March at 11:00am flowers or donations if so desired for The Salvation Army. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118

RIMMER WILLIAM (BILL)

On 17th March 2018 Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family Aged 78 years

Loving Husband of the late Sheila, devoted Dad of Billy, Alice & Janet (Decd). Dear Father in law of Gill and Neil, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren and a caring, loving partner of Barbara. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. For funeral details and further enquiries contact Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

WILLIAMS DORIS MAY (NEE BUTTERY)

13th March 2018

Aged 97 years

Slipped away peacefully following a short illness.

Much loved and treasured Mother of Ann. Loved dearly by Colin and her extended family. Lisa Howard, Daniel and Fabian. A unique and inspirational lady who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral services will take place at All Saints with St Frideswyde Church, Crosby on Wednesday March 28th 2018 at 11.45am followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 12.40pm. No flowers please but donations in lieu may be made to Help The Heroes c/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805

MARDON ELIZABETH (BETH)

11th March 2018.

Peacefully in hospital

Aged 91 years

Reunited with her loving Husband Al. Much loved Mum of Dean and Jill. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 23rd March 2018 at 2.40pm. No flowers please but if desired donations to Macmillan Nurses c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

PHILLIPSON JANE (JEAN)

On 10th March

Suddenly at home

Aged 87 years

Beloved Wife of the late Jim, much loved Sister of Jack and Michael, dear Sister in law of Eunice and Margaret, loving Aunty of Julie, Cathy, Jill and Michelle (Deceased) and Great Aunty & Great Great Aunty of all her Nieces and Nephews. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation. For Funeral details and further enquiries contact Margaret Whilelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

HARRISON OLIVE

18th March 2018

Aged 76 years

Loving Wife of the late Peter. Beloved Mum of Kev, Pete & Cliff. Much loved Mother in law of Colette and Jan. Cherished Grandmother, Great Grandmother. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at St. Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 27th March at 10.00am. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. Tel 01695 731199.

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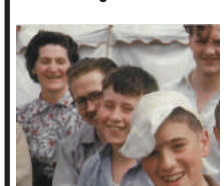

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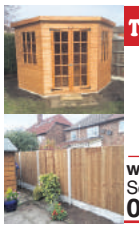

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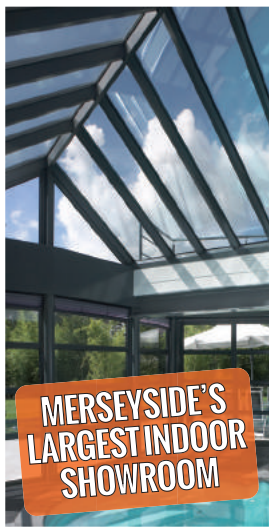

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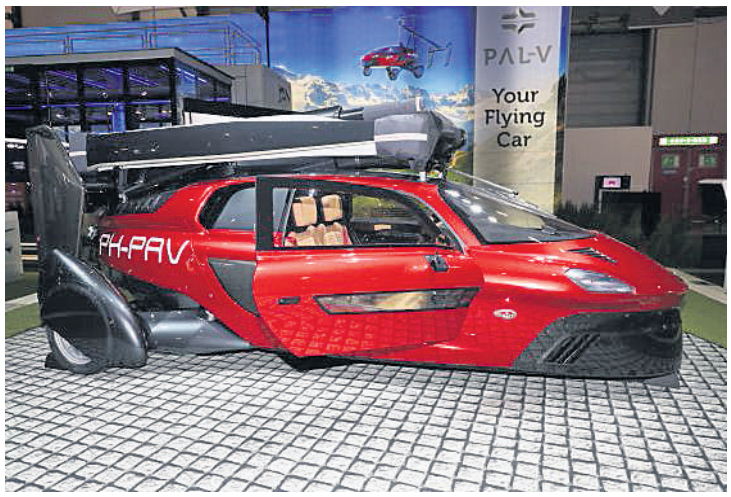

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KEEN students of irony will surely remember the past week as a pivotal week in Europe's transport. In the same week that Chris Grayling announced that it won't be too tricky to police Britain's borders post-Brexit, some Dutch blokes decide to launch a production-ready flying car. But I wouldn't get too worried about the prospect of unchecked immigrants zipping straight over the customs booths at Dover while border officials look on helplessly from the ground, perhaps wondering whether some sort of giant net needs to be built from the white cliffs upwards.

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That's what this new three-wheeler, which has been claimed as a world first at this year's Geneva Motor Show because its makers are taking orders in readiness for a 2019 launch, are asking for.

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So they've based it on an autogyro instead - a petite flying wonder with wings that fold away and tiny, lightweight petrol engines. Sean Connery managed to fight off an entire squadron of helicopters with one in *You Only Live Twice*, so they can't be that bad!

But until someone invents a flying car that doesn't require a Lamborghini price tag and 35 hours of flight training I don't think they're going to take off (sorry).

Only when it offers Ford Focus-rivalling levels of practicality, an Audi A4-sized price tag and the intuitive driveability of either will we all be hopping into PAL-Vs and soaring through the skies to work. We've reached an age where we can wirelessly download Bruno Mars' entire back catalogue onto a mobile phone in a matter of minutes, but a vision of commuting imagined in *The Jetsons* still seems hopelessly distant. If you are serious about using the heavens over the M57 as your route to work I'd suggest a second-hand helicopter instead – the good ones start at about £50,000, which is a big saving over a PAL-V.

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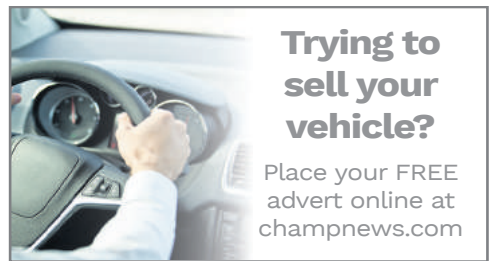

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Both sides will hope to build on victories

SKELMERSDALE will hope to continue their good run of form with an away trip to Colwyn Bay this Saturday.

Having secured seven points from their last three games, Skem are suddenly looking ahead in the league table rather than behind.

Talk of relegation is not off the agenda completely but there is cause of optimism for supporters who will hope striker Bakkor can continue his form in front of goal.

Their opponents, Colwyn Bay, are 16 points ahead of Skem in the league table and have a good chance of finishing in the play-off places if they win their games in hand, so should offer a good test. When the sides played each other in December, Skem were beaten 2-0 but will fancy their chances if they can start the game well and score the first goal.

Burscough meanwhile are at home to relegation-threatened AFC Liverpool.

The Reds won't have far too travel with their home games played in at Marine FC's ground in Crosby. It will be viewed as a must win match for Burscough's opposition, who are fighting for survival at the foot of the table.

The Linnets are in action again on Tuesday, March 27 when they host Northwich Victoria in the Macron Cup quarter-final. Kick off is 7.45pm.

Scott Bakkor flicks home Skem's opening goal. Pictures by John Driscoll

Bakkor's brace eases Skem relegation fears

Skelmersdale United 2
Colne 0

SKELMERSDALE have given themselves a huge chance of survival after picking up seven points from their last three games, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

In a midweek fixture last week, Skem came from 2-0 down with 11 minutes to go at Kendal Town, with Scott Bakkor getting a hat-trick.

Skelmersdale looked upon the visit from Colne on Saturday positively and by half-time they were 2-0 up, Bakkor getting both the goals.

What is the significance of all this? Skelmersdale are now in the relatively luxurious position of being ten points clear of relegation with only eight games remaining instead of four points clear and anxiously looking over their shoulder.

Indeed Skelmersdale had the better of the first-half.

In the 38th minute Skelmersdale took the lead and it was all about Bakkor's sharpness in front of goal.

In what looked a nicely pre-rehearsed move Tom Molyneux drove a corner from the left into the near-post area, Bakkor lost his marker and flicked the ball back into the net from in front of the post, the power of the corner carrying the ball into the net.

Colne responded well and but for a good bit of covering by Arnie Baxendale they might have equalised as Alex Curran's shot had beaten Cheetham when Baxendale got back to clear it.

Moments before half-time Skelmersdale doubled their lead.

A Colne attack broke down and the ball went to Joyce on the right, the former St Johnstone player swung an excellent diagonal ball to Bakkor on the left.

He then outpaced Simon Nangle and created an angle to fire past Colne goalkeeper Hakan Burton to make it 2-0.

Colne were favourites to win on the day and they came out strongly after the interval, especially when the snow started to fall but Skem held on well.

Chris Cheetham makes a save for Skem

		Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
18.	Skelmersdale United	34	5	3	9	2	7	8	7	10	17	43	70	-27	31
19.	Radcliffe Borough	31	5	0	9	3	7	7	8	7	16	40	71	-31	31
20.	Ossett Albion	30	6	5	6	1	2	10	7	7	16	33	59	-26	28
21.	Brighouse Town	33	3	3	10	5	1	11	8	4	21	43	78	-35	28
22.	Goole AFC	34	3	4	9	2	2	14	5	6	23	37	88	-51	21

The table makes for better viewing for Skem fans

Whyte hat-trick gives Burscough much-needed breathing space

Burscough 4
Barnton 2

BURSCOUGH picked up three priceless points in a match they simply had to win.

It had all started so well for Burscough, a period of early pressure culminated in a goal after just five minutes when Whyte swept the ball under Barnton goalkeeper Callum Shuttleworth from eight yards.

But Barnton had other ideas and they started to dominate possession and push Burscough back and after 18 minutes Chris Bandell equalised.

In the 63rd minute Whyte met a corner with a flicked header that went into the far corner to restore Burscough's lead and bring some sighs of relief.

#	Team	Pl	Pts
17.	Burscough	33	35
18.	Irlam	27	32
19.	Abbey Hey	30	31
20.	Maine Rd	32	28
21.	AFC Liverpool	31	26
22.	AFC Darwen	28	15
23.	Barnton	35	9

Burscough pull further away from the relegation zone

It looked like job done for the Linnets on 70 minutes when Peter Henerty stabbed home to make it 3-1, but Houghton pulled a goal back with a well struck free-kick high into the Burscough net. Burscough now only had a one goal margin and that is dangerous when you have to win.

In the 83rd minute, Burscough were reduced to ten men when Alex Parkes was given a straight red card after the referee deemed he had grabbed an attacker's neck during a challenge.

Barnton pushed forward, but to their credit Burscough limited them to not much in the way of chances.

Play entered four minutes added time and after around two minutes Burscough attacked down the right and Whyte netted to complete his hat-trick and confirm victory for Burscough, also sending Dave Sutton and his players into celebration.

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